

SPOOKISH FLAMES

Create Excitement in a Greenpoint, N. Y., Residence.

WATER SOAKED ARTICLES IGNITED

In the Street—Money and Clothing Disappear Mysteriously—Causes Are Not Apparent—Five Fires in a Few Hours—Blue and Green Colored Flames Startle the Inhabitants and Confuse the Police.

New York Sunday Advertiser.

In the old-fashioned frame house at No. 81 Guernsey street, Greenpoint, some remarkable things have happened since last Friday afternoon. They have puzzled the fire marshal, the police, the residents of the house and the neighbors. Many of the residents of the neighborhood were genuinely alarmed last night and went back to the old country folk lore to explain the occurrences as having been brought about by "spooks," or other supernatural means.

The first floor of No. 84 was occupied by William Murphy, who had a grocery store in front. On the second floor lived Adam Colwell, a carpenter, with his wife and his two stepchildren, William, twenty-one years old, and Rhoda, fifteen years old. The building is owned by watchman McPhillips, of the Hoffman House, New York. Neither the house nor any of its contents were insured.

PICTURES FALL WITH A CRASH.

At 4 p. m. on Friday Mrs. Colwell and fifteen-year-old Rhoda were alone on the second story. Suddenly, as Mrs. Colwell was looking into the parlor, she saw four pictures and their frames fall from the walls with a crash, and at the same time the little, old-fashioned sheet iron stove, in which there was no fire, turned over and fell on the floor. Mrs. Colwell ran through the hallway to the kitchen and told Rhoda. Colwell came upstairs at this time and opened the parlor door. He saw the mantle lamp-breque on fire and shouted "Fire." An alarm was quickly sent out and the fire department responded, but when the engines arrived the fire had been put out by the family.

When William got home from his work on Friday morning he gave his mother \$6, which she put in a closet in the intermediate bed room. William was told of the affair, and opened the parlor door, in presence of Roundsman Daily, who had been sent to the place to watch, as some talk of incendiarism had got abroad. As he did so the wall paper on the side of the room at his back suddenly caught fire and blazed up to the ceiling, but the fire was easily put out by the roundsman and William.

THE POLICE INVESTIGATE.

Police Captain Rhodes on Friday night sent Detective Sergeant Robert Dunn to look into the matter. Dunn got to the house at 9:30 p. m. As he entered the little parlor with Daily the fringe about the centre table and the cloth took fire and blazed up. The officers tore the burning stuff off and stamped the flames out. The blaze in the parlor alarmed many who were watching outside the house, and an alarm soon brought the firemen again to the spot. They deluged the place with water, and it was believed all danger from fire was over.

As the two policemen were leaving the parlor, before the firemen arrived, the heavy lamps and chains hanging from the ceiling fell with a crash, some of the pieces narrowly escaping the officers. It was afterward seen that the hook to which the lamp was suspended was firm as when put into the beam, into which it was screwed, and that some force must have lifted the lamp and chains up and off the hook.

MYSTERIOUS MIDNIGHT FIRE.

Just before midnight on Friday, in full view of the assembled family and Officers Dunn and Daily, the side wall of the intermediate bed room, with the closet in which the money and Mrs. Colwell's clothing were, suddenly blazed up, but the fire was easily smothered out with blankets. To the surprise of all, when the closet door was opened all Mrs. Colwell's and Rhoda's clothing, with the \$6 placed there, was gone, not a vestige or charred remnant remaining. The police officers remained in the house all night, and none of the Colwell or Murphy families slept, the groceryman having been fairly drowned out.

At noon yesterday Fire Marshal Bryner began an investigation, and had just driven away when another alarm of fire was caused by a cloth coat and other stuff catching fire in the attic. The firemen this time drowned out everything. Ten minutes after the cot was thrown into the street, no fire being apparent on it, it blazed up in blue and green flames. Although water was showered on it, the cot burned to ashes. On the fire marshal's return to the house he thought the circumstances suspicious, and had Mr. and Mrs. Colwell and Rhoda taken to the Manhattan avenue station house. They were detained there until last evening, when, as there was nothing against them, they were discharged. They had to go to old friends for shelter, their own abode being uninhabitable.

NO PLAUSIBLE THEORY.

Fire Marshal Bryner said last evening: "I decline to believe that there can be anything supernatural in these occurrences, as is believed by many of Colwell's neighbors. I thought at first it might have been caused by using insect fluid, in which there is a great deal of phosphorus, but when I found that nothing of the kind had been used in two months, I confess I do not know what could have caused the fires. Colwell is a man of excellent reputation, and as I have satisfied myself that there

IT GIVES WARNING that there's trouble ahead—G. M. D. in our family and nothing like to equal it. One of our children had the pneumonia, and one lung became consolidated, but by the use of the "Discovery" she has entirely recovered, and is now in good health.

Dr. R. V. Prince: Dear Sir—We have used your "G. M. D." in our family and nothing like to equal it. One of our children had the pneumonia, and one lung became consolidated, but by the use of the "Discovery" she has entirely recovered, and is now in good health.

is no insurance of any kind on the building or its contents, there was absolutely no reason for any incendiary to play his occupation. I confess I am in the dark."

JOHN A. HUTCHINSON III.

Some Flood Losses—Other Parkersburg Information.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 8.—Hon. John A. Hutchinson is ill, and not able to go to Charleston to look after his senatorial canvass.

George Werthenbaker was arrested here to-day for complicity with Jessa Day, of Clarksburg, in the robbery of postoffices and stores in Harrison and Lewis counties.

D. M. Miller and W. H. Richardson, the dealers, lose about \$10,000 each by the Little Kanawha flood, and W. B. Padon about that much. No damage is expected here from the rise.

SEALING REPORT.

Showing the Number of Last Season's Catch, Published by the State Department.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—The state department has published an official report from United States Consul Roberts, at Victoria, upon the seal catch of the British Columbia sealing fleet last year. The figures were compiled by Collector Milne. The consul says they show the catch to be the largest ever made in a single year, and that the fear once entertained that the hunters would be seriously handicapped from the compulsory use of the spear has been overcome. The white hunters have quickly learned its use and now are as skillful with it as the Indian. The catch was not so fatal to the females as was once claimed, the statistics showing the proportion of males caught to be much larger than expected.

The total Canadian catch was 94,474, and of those taken in Bering sea, 11,705 were males and 14,636 females. The catch in 1893 was 70,332. In addition this year 573 skins taken by American schooners were landed at Victoria, bringing up to 95,048 the total number of skins landed there. The sealers took 48,993 skins of the Japanese coast, 26,341 in Bering sea, 11,703 off the British Columbia coast and 7,437 off Copper Island. The report states that the Bering sea ventures were barren of profit except to the crews, who made fair wages.

ALMOST COMPLETED.

Negotiations Between Spain and the United States on Tariff Lines.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—As indicated in the exclusive Associated Press cablegram from Madrid, the negotiations between the state department and the government of Spain, looking to the restoration of the minimum tariff on American products entering Cuba and Porto Rico have almost reached a satisfactory conclusion. This outcome will be received with pleasure by the great exporting firms of the east, as well as by the milling interests of the west which have seen a large and lucrative portion of their trade threatened with destruction. It is true that some minor details remain to be adjusted, but little difficulty is expected in securing their settlement, and it is not doubted that the tariff relations between Spain and the United States will be restored to their old status without resort to any harsh measures that might leave ill feeling difficult to remove.

It appears that in conceding to the United States the benefits of the minimum tariff Spain has also secured a substantial advantage. Her West Indian colonies ordinarily supply the United States with about seventy-five per cent of the sugar imported into the country. With the exception of Hawaii all of the other great sugar exporting countries pay a direct or indirect bounty on sugar exported. Thus their sugar is liable to a duty of one-tenth of a cent per pound over and above the forty per cent duty imposed on Cuban sugar, and in consequence the Cuban planters receive a protection equal to the discriminating duty paid by European sugars, and it is believed will be able to control the market of the greatest sugar consuming country on the globe.

A Plate Glass Monopoly.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Chicago representatives of the two biggest plate glass companies in the United States have received notice that the price has been advanced 20 per cent, the figures going back to those fixed October 27, but which were subsequently cut on account of a disagreement at a meeting held by the companies' representatives December 20 at Cleveland. The reinstatement of the price seems to indicate that the plate glass companies have come to an agreement and prezenes the purchase by the Pittsburgh Glass Company of all the other plants in the United States and the formation of a plate glass monopoly. In fact some Chicago jobbers were willing to say that they thought the purchase was already made.

Seeking an Excuse to Murder Them.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 8.—The newspapers here publish a communique from the commander of the Erzincglian army corps, announcing the seizure of a quantity of materials prepared by Armenian agitators for the purpose of starting incendiary fires. The agitators alluded to have been arrested and their trial by court martial ordered. The vali at Van has informed the porte that an Armenian book-seller named Dirkan has been arrested at Van on the charge of being in the possession of numbers of seditious books.

The Turkish newspapers publish accounts of alleged outrages by Armenians, including murders, and declare that the loyal Armenians, "under the just and beneficent rule of the porte," reprobate such crimes upon the part of their compatriots.

Of Interest to Drummers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—The senate committee on interstate commerce to-day authorized a favorable report on the bill amending the interstate commerce act so as to permit the issuance of joint interchangeable 5,000 mile tickets with special privileges as to the amount of free baggage that may be carried under mileage tickets of 1,000 miles or more. This is a bill in which the commercial travelers are especially interested and for which they have worked hard. It has passed the house.

Income Tax Hearing Set.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—The case of John G. Moore against Commissioner of Internal Revenue Miller to contest the constitutionality of the income tax feature of the new tariff law came up to-day in the district supreme court and was set for a hearing on the 15th inst. in the equity branch of the court.

Paralel to Lourenco, South Africa.

LOURENCO, MARQUEZ, DELAGOA BAY, Jan. 8.—There was a panic here last evening owing to Mahazalis and Zihlahlas people attacking the loyal Matoliz and advancing on the town. Armed trains are now reconnoitering the vicinity of Lourenco Marquez.

SENATOR VEST TALKS.

Financial Legislation in the Senate Is Impossible.

FAILURE OF THE RULES COMMITTEE

To Present a Closure Rule Will Make It Useless to Endeavor to Stop Debate—Would Require Unanimous Action—Democratic Party Failed at the Outset.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—Senator Vest is not optimistic as to the chances of financial legislation by this Congress. The senator was on his way to the meeting of the finance committee to-day when asked about the story published in some of the morning papers that a compromise bill had been agreed upon in the senate.

"It is all rot," he said. "I suppose you mean the stuff about a financial measure to be offered in the senate by certain Democratic senators. There is nothing in it. Furthermore, in my opinion there is no possibility of passing any financial bill in the senate. We have no rules and five senators can prevent action on any bill during this session. I do not think the Republicans generally intend to permit financial legislation, but it will be a miracle if a measure could be framed which would command practically the unanimous support of the senate, and this is necessary. The only hope for prompt and efficient action was in the Democratic party, and we failed at the outset of the session. Instead of changing the senate rules so as to provide for stopping debate and then resolutely taking up the financial question, and the tariff bills from the house, the Democratic caucus of the senate deliberately refused to do anything of the kind, but determined to consider the Nicaragua canal bill and the bankruptcy bill. This caucus action settled the matter and the subsequent vote in the senate made it a finality.

As matters now are in the senate nothing will be done except by unanimous consent. If the yeas and nays could be called on taking off the differential duties of one-tenth and one-eighth on sugar, the majority would be for the removal, but there is a settled determination that this vote shall not be taken, and, if any senator will find a way to bring about the vote so that the country can see how each man stands, I will follow his leadership to the end.

"You could say a good deal more," continued the senator, in a reminiscent and reflective way, "as to what caused present conditions, but the practical question is how to find some method to bring absolute unanimity in the senate, for without that nothing can be done."

Minor Killed by Cars.

STREUNVILLE, O., Jan. 8.—George Judkins, a minor at the Blanch coal mines, near Collier's, was caught between a car and the side of the mine to-day and fatally crushed. He was a son-in-law of Pit Boss William Muter and had been married but two months.

The Ohio Oil Company's well on the McCook farm, in the Gould field, came in to-day and is good for one hundred barrels daily.

Patents to West Virginians.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—Patents granted: Thomas A. Allen, Astor, folding coop; Alexander H. Murray and C. S. Welch, Huntington, die or mold for making clay shingles; William T. Nichols, Wellsburg, brick drier; F. L. Ensfeld, Parkersburg, electric lamp support.

Snow in Great Britain.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Severe snow storms have impeded traffic in different parts of the kingdom. In West Durham, there are three feet of snow. The northeastern and Highland railways are blocked.

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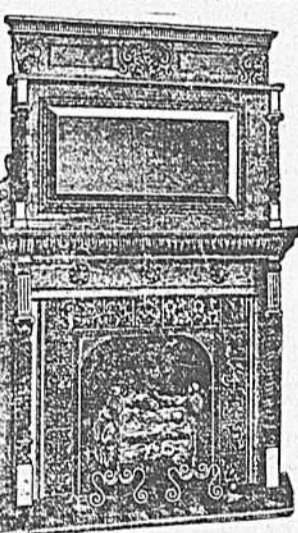
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